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NORMS FOR PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private hospitals, diagnostic centres and nursing homes registered with the Indian Medical Council and the State Medical Council, State-wise ;

(b) the details of schemes of assistance to private hospitals and diagnostic centres providing services for the poor;

(c) whether the Government has set up any norms for private hospitals, diagnostic centres and nursing homes for providing services to the poor;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the norms are being followed properly by private hospitals, diagnostic centres and nursing homes for providing services to the poor;

(f) if not, the details of private hospitals , diagnostic centres and nursing homes violating the norms and action taken thereon;

(g) whether the Government has any mechanism to check and ensure that the norms are not being violated ;and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to enforce the condition laid down therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (h): It is mandatory for all Medical Practitioners, including the private practitioners, to register with respective State Council/Indian Medical Council before they can practice medicine. Besides, Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is for the State Governments to maintain details of the private hospitals, diagnostic centres and nursing homes registered in their respective States and to regulate their functioning. Therefore, information as regard to whether these norms are being followed properly or not by the private hospitals, diagnostic centres and nursing homes is not maintained Centrally.
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